

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**

**INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

**EMPLOYER:** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:** Monday, January 4, 2021

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

**\*\*STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE\*\***

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**POSITION TITLE:** Region 6 Wildlife Habitat Intern

**# OF POSITIONS:** 1

**LOCATION(S):** FWP Administration Region 6 (Glasgow/Malta/Havre)

**WORK START/END DATES:** Approximate May 31 – August 27, 2021

**HOURS/WEEK:** 40

**TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES:** May 31 – June 4, 2021

**COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC.):**

\$11.50/hr with per diem at the state rate. *There is no overtime, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends for this position.* Although it is expected that a state vehicle will be available to the intern, if required to use personal vehicle the state will reimburse intern at standard rates. Intern will be expected to wear FWP uniform, which will be provided at no charge.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

This intern position will provide opportunity to work on wildlife habitat improvement across Northeast Montana. Position will be under the guidance of area wildlife biologists and wildlife management technicians across FWP Region 6. The position is focused on implementing activities to improve Habitat Quality in Western Big Game Winter Ranges and Migration Corridors in Northeast Montana. Activities include fence modification, fence removal, weed control measures, fence mapping, and ground truthing predicted migration corridors. Additionally, the position will help with current pronghorn research in the area by conducting fawn at heel surveys and vegetation sampling. The intern will also have opportunities to help with mist netting and tracking bats and potentially other nongame surveys. Furthermore, the position will assist in maintenance and improvement activities on FWP's Wildlife Management Areas across Region 6. Activities include fencing, weed control, mowing, shrub planting, and shrub thinning. There are opportunities to be involved in other wildlife work across the region including wildlife surveys, as well as being a part of a collaborative work environment with partnering agencies, conservation organizations and landowners.

**SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):**

Applicant must be a college student enrolled in Range Management, Wildlife & Fisheries Biology/Management, Outdoor Recreation Management or other outdoor/wildlife related curriculum in order to be considered. Past wildlife and habitat management or hunter access program experience is not necessary, but a willingness to learn these practices is expected. Applicant should have at least some past experience with equipment such as manual and power post-holing tools, fencing tools, GPS units and maps, shovels, picks, weed eaters and other types of landscaping-type tools, sprayers, all-terrain vehicles, driving and backing pull-type trailers, and driving manual and automatic transmission 4WD pickups. Applicant should have some basic computer skills. Applicant should be comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions. Applicant should be very comfortable working with people, especially landowners, staff from other natural resource management agencies and students/youth. Applicant should have a valid driver's license.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):**

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 references with phone numbers and email addresses to Brett Dorak at **Brett.Dorak@mt.gov**

For more information regarding this position, please contact Brett Dorak at **Brett.Dorak@mt.gov** or 406-654-2272.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (; HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)**

The weather conditions in the areas where the intern will be working vary greatly, from cold, wet, and windy, to hot and humid. At times the intern may be working alone in remote areas.

The intern will not work overtime and there are no paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends.

Housing is not provided, however there is potential to arrange for housing at Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge to be paid by the successful applicant or the potential of a camper trailer.